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Remarks

Claims 11-17 and 19 are now pending in this application for which applicant seeks reconsideration.

Amendment

Although applicant does not agree with the claim rejections, claims 1-10, 18, and 20 are cancelled.

Allowable Claims

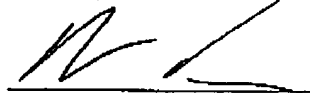
Claims 1-17 and 19 were indicated to be allowable if they are placed in independent form. As these claims have been placed in independent form, they are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that claims 1-17 and 19 patentably distinguish over the applied references and are in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicant urges the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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